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Dear Mr. Fowler,

I am writing you because I recently became aware of a report titled *90% Work Plan and Conceptual Design Wrangell Junkyard Repository Site, Wrangell Alaska TDD: 17-01-0015* prepared for your office by Ecology and Environment Inc. It identifies you as the On-Scene Coordinator.

This document states that EPA, other agencies, and stakeholders conducted a site visit in Wrangell in August 2016. I am concerned that my office has never been formally notified of this project or invited to be involved as a stakeholder. The Forest Service would have a role since this plan appears to involve the transport of a substantial amount of lead contaminated material over NFS Road 6259, a road under the jurisdiction of the Forest Service. Any use of NFS Road 6259 will require authorizations which will include measure to protect both public safety and the road investment.

In addition, there are nearby Forest Service lands which could be impacted by the storage of this lead contaminated material at the selected site. The report does not mention the anadromous fish streams, including Pats Creek, just below the repository site or a discussion of the effects the lead repository could have on those streams or the people who use them. Pats Creek flows into Pats Lake and both support subsistence and sport fisheries. Pats Lake is a popular place for Wrangell families to swim, boat, and fish and is the site for the annual Family Fishing Day event.

I would like to discuss this project with you and get more information. Please contact my office at 907-874-2323.

Sincerely,

ROBERT J DALRYMPLE  
District Ranger

